



## **DOUGLAS ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP**

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Liz Begovich  
Supervisor  
Douglas County Animal Care and Services  
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Dear Liz,

I am pleased to provide a summary of Douglas Animal Welfare Group's (DAWG's) activities for 2022. Even during another challenging year, the DAWG volunteers we were able to help hundreds of local animals through our various programs and services in accordance with our Mission Statement to better the lives of Douglas County animals.

DAWG spent a total of \$206,595 in 2022. The following is information for some of the year's activities:

- Volunteers spent 11,441 hours to care for the animals at DCACS, provide community outreach programs, and handle DAWG operations.
- Volunteers provided care and assistance to all 193 dogs and 285 cats that were adopted from DCACS. This includes activities such as dog walking, care twice daily, cat care/socializing – 365 days a year.
- Co-hosted the 6th Annual Carson Valley Turkey Trot with the Cason Valley Food Closet. This event raised \$9699.88 for each organization. Giving DAWG much needed funds for Douglas County's animals.
- Spent \$44,789 in medical care for the animals that were at DCACS which included wellness exams, dental work, senior exams, x-rays, surgeries, and care for some after adoption.
- Spent \$28,642 in community assistance to animals of lower income Douglas County residents in need of help paying for veterinary care.
- Spent \$12,638 for our low cost spay/neuter program, "Fix a Family Pet", for lower income Douglas County residents.

- Spent \$2,109 for our low cost spay/neuter program for Douglas County Pit Bull dogs, “Fix-a-Bull.”
- Spent \$26,330 for our spay/neuter program (Trap & Return), which included vaccinations and minor medical for feral/community cats in Douglas County.
- Spent \$23,870 for temporary care of found stray domestic cats/kittens pending admission to DCACS through a program called the “Found Cat Program.”
- Spent \$1,605 for behavior training of DCACS dogs following their adoptions.
- Spent \$3,672 for the purchase of microchips for the dogs and cats residing at DCACS.
- Spent \$644 for the purchase of vaccines for the dogs and cats residing at DCACS.
- Spent \$362 for other assistance to DCACS including dryer repair, special food, cat litter, etc.
- Spent \$6,915 for cat adoption assistance – adoption fees and rabies vaccinations.
- Spent \$135 toward reducing the adoption cost for Veterans when adopting animals from DCACS.
- Spent an additional \$1,895 for adoption assistance for hard to adopt animals.
- Spent \$4,584 for the purchase of cat and dog food for Douglas Counties families in need (distributed by F.I.S.H. in the Ranchos).

On behalf of DAWG’s volunteers and officers, I would like to thank you and your staff for your continued support of our organization’s mission to care for the animals in Douglas County.

Sincerely,

Lori Paxson, President  
Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG)

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